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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration:

Applicants submit herewith copies of the International Search Report dated January 13, 2000 and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated October 30, 2000 conducted in International Patent Application No. PCT/CH 99/00498, which is a counterpart of the above-captioned application. In particular, the International Examiner cited:

(1) U.S. Patent No. 5,805,146 issued to Jaeger et al. on September 8, 1998, as a "Y" category document (i.e., a document that calls into question the inventive step when considered with another document from this category). In particular, the Examiner noted column 5, line 66 - column 8, line 67 as relevant to claims 1 - 10 of the International application. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,572,239 issued to Jaeger on November 5, 1996; U.S. Patent No. 5,841,428 issued to Jaeger et al. on November 24, 1998; U.S.

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Patent No. 5,936,613 issued to Jaeger et al. on August 10, 1999; U.S. Patent No. 5,982,355 issued to Jaeger et al. on November 9, 1999; U.S. Patent No. 5,777,603 issued to Jaeger on July 7, 1998; U.S. Patent No. 5,774,115 issued to Jaeger et al. on June 30, 1998; U.S. Patent No. 5,805,145 issued to Jaeger on September 8, 1998; U.S. Patent No. 5,786,811 issued to Jaeger on July 28, 1998; U.S. Patent No. 5,977,955 issued to Jaeger on November 2, 1999; and U.S. Patent No. 5,712,661 issued to Jaeger on January 27, 1998, which are identified by the annex to the Search Report as U.S. Patent family members of the above-cited document;

(2) European Patent Application No. 0 782 091 A1, published July 2, 1997, as a "Y" category document. In particular, the Examiner noted the whole document as relevant to claims 1 - 10 of the International application. For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,859,631 issued to Bergman et al. on January 12, 1999, which is identified by the annex to the Search Report as a U.S. Patent family member of the above-cited document; and

(3) U.S. Patent No. 5,572,239 issued to Jaeger on November 5, 1996, as an "A" category document (i.e., a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance). The Examiner noted the above-cited document is cited in the application. Applicants note that the above-cited document is discussed in the present application beginning on page 2, line 14 of the disclosure, and that this document is noted above as one of the U.S. Patent family members of item (1) identified by the annex to the Search Report.

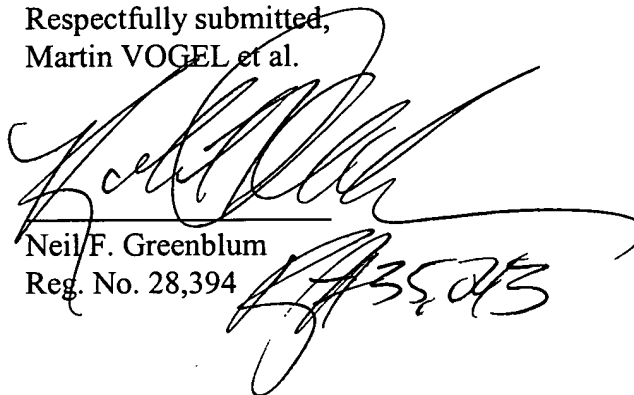
Copies of the above-listed documents (including a copy of the International Search Report) are enclosed as is a copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner

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is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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